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Applicant: Kaname KONO

Title: FINE DIE CAST METALLIC PARTS

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AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by replacing the indicated claims with the following clean versions. (See **Attachment A** for the marked up version of the amended claim.)

1. (Twice Amended) A molded metal part produced by a process comprising the steps of:

introducing the melted material into a first chamber;

allowing at least a portion of the melted material to pass through said first chamber into a second chamber, wherein said allowing step comprises creating a suction in the second chamber to draw the portion of the melted material from the first chamber into the second chamber;

pushing at least a portion of the melted material remaining in the first chamber into said second chamber;

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